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COMMENT OF THE DAY

How The US Can Help

THE announcement that Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler will shortly be visiting Washington for high level discussions on the need for and the possibility of more co-ordinated British Commonwealth-US economic and financial policies invites a flash-back comment on the recent conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. From the somewhat guarded accounts of meetings held to decide on the future of sterling, the prospects of world trade and the recovery of Britain's trading position, the impression is left that there were more areas of agreement than dispute. The conference laboured under one severe disadvantage. It was forced to confer on common policies and future prospects without any clear idea of what policy the United States intends to follow during the next four years. Two choices faced the Prime Ministers. They could have turned their backs on the hope of a greater freedom of world trade and on any prospect of making the pound freely exchangeable with the rest of the world's currencies. This would have meant still more drastic curbs on trade with the United States and a frantic scramble to buy and sell within the high walls of a British Commonwealth system of tariff preferences. The conference turned its back on any such limitation, any such retreat. A more uphill road toward the horizons of freer currencies has been charted. First, a greater degree of self-sufficiency within the sterling area must be achieved. Efforts to narrow the gap between what the nations owe the United States and what they can buy from her will be sought as far as possible without fresh loans or grants. "Trade, not aid," is a tonic guide to future policy, but those who quote it to do so with the understanding that neither America nor any other nation will buy what it does not need and cannot use, out of mistaken benevolence.

THE British Commonwealth has made a real effort to co-ordinate investments in industry and to make a joint plan for trading with each other and the world. The Commonwealth countries resisted the easy temptation of tariff walls and trade bonuses to each other. And they have affirmed they will try to balance their books by a study of world trade needs and an attempt to compete in filling these along businesslike lines. The new Administration in Washington, therefore, will not be confronted with mendacious beseeching for handouts when Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler go to America. Nevertheless, the very restraint and purpose of the Commonwealth with which the United States is allied, merits it being met halfway. The Commonwealth nations are determined to ask for a new world economic conference that will challenge American sincerity and intentions. For, while there is no reason why the United States should allow herself to become a dumping ground for useless manufactures uneconomically produced, there is every reason why she should aid and encourage the rest of the world to sell her what she needs and does not herself produce economically. American politicians and businessmen have urged upon the world greater devotion to the principles of free trade and convertible currencies. The time is now ripe for the United States to give every assistance to those countries who are anxious and willing to give the fullest possible expression to those principles.

EDEN'S STATEMENT ON SUDAN

Death Of Mr R.P. Phillips

OLD HONGKONG RESIDENT

Mr Reginald Philip Phillips, a very old and well known resident of Hongkong, died early this morning at the St Teresa's Hospital at the age of 73.

Mr Phillips first arrived in Hongkong in 1900 to join Messrs A. S. Watson and Co.

Four years later he moved to Shanghai and joined the staff of Gande, Price, Ltd., remaining there until the outbreak of World War I. He returned to England and served with the forces.

He returned to Shanghai after the war and remained with Gande, Price in that city until 1930, when he retired.

The following year he returned to Hongkong and became associated with the local office of Gande, Price, serving as Manager and later as a Director until he retired in June of last year.

During the Japanese occupation he was interned at Stanley.

A keen sportsman, the late Mr Phillips was a particularly fine footballer in his young days. He was also a billiards champion and an excellent lawn bowler.

In Hongkong his sporting interest was mainly concentrated on lawn bowls. He was one



THE LATE MR PHILLIPS

time Secretary of Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association and President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. He took a lawn bowls side to Shanghai in 1947 and defeated the Shanghai team in the first interport match after World War II.

The late Mr Phillips took a leading part in the rehabilitation of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club after Liberation.

He was also, for many years, a member of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The late Mr Phillips was a Freemason, being a member of Lodge St John.

He was a bachelor, and is survived by an elder brother Thomas, who resides in London.

The funeral takes place tomorrow, the cortege passing The Monument at 4 p.m.

Queen Accepts A Sturgeon

A Royal sturgeon, weighing 40 lbs. was delivered for the Queen at Buckingham Palace this morning. It was caught at Grimsby by a trawler and sold to a local fish merchant.

Since the days of Edward II, all sturgeon caught round the coasts of Britain belong to the sovereign and in accordance with tradition, the fish merchant offered it to the Queen.

So rarely does a sovereign accept such an offer that the merchant had already sent the fish to a customer in Yeovil, Somerset, when a telegram arrived from the Palace to say "Your very kind offer gladly accepted."

The fish merchant at once got in touch with his Yeovil customer and the sturgeon was sent by road to Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

Denies Trying To Detach Southern Provinces

London, Jan. 20.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, denied today that Britain was trying to detach the Southern provinces from the rest of the Sudan.

At the same time, in the House of Lords, the Marquess of Reading said that the Big Three were still determined to prevent violations of the armistice between the Arab States and Israel.

He made the statement in the Lords in a sharp exchange over the export of jet planes to Middle Eastern countries, including Egypt.

Mr Eden's statement heralded the opening of a long, controversial session of Parliament.

He said he was glad to say agreement had been reached with Egypt on a large number of points at issue but negotiations had been complicated by agreements reached by different Sudanese parties with the Egyptian government.

In answer to a question, he said it was essential to reach agreement over the Sudan with Egypt before taking up other questions—British forces in the Suez Canal Zone and the Middle East defence scheme proposed by the West.

He said a Sudanese Parliament must be elected as soon as possible, adding that this was underlined by the differences between various Sudanese Party agreements with Egypt and by the fact that no Southern Sudanese representative took part in them.

Mr Eden recalled that the chief difficulty in negotiations had been over the special powers given to the Governor-General, a British, in the draft statute for self-government approved by the Sudanese Legislative Assembly.

DEFENCE WEAPONS

He said fighters supplied were essential defensive weapons and the number exported and authorised for export was small.

Lord Strabolgi asked: "Is not Egypt one of them—to get planes—and are not our own forces in Egypt under threat of violence at the present time? What is the sense, therefore, of supplying modern aircraft to Egypt?"

Lord Reading admitted that Egypt was one of the countries to receive jet aircraft.

He said in reply to another question by Lord Strabolgi on "inflammatory statements"—in Egypt "I hope Lord Strabolgi will not think that, merely because some persons make inflammatory statements, we should therefore no longer continue negotiations on what are matters of very considerable importance to both countries."—United Press.

SAFEGUARDS

"I must make it clear the Government have not proposed to add to these provisions, but it was to the continuation of these safeguards that the Southern representatives agreed and we do not think they should be removed without the views of the Southern population."

"I regret that our attitude on this should have given rise to suspicions that we wish to detach the Southern provinces from the North. Nothing could be further from the truth."

"Preservation of the unity of the Sudan depends on willing co-operation and mutual confidence among various sections of the population and in our view nothing will contribute more to this than to show the Southern population at the outset that their wishes will be taken into consideration in the settlement of matters of vital importance to them."

Mr Eden said, in answer to questions, that the elected Sudanese Parliament itself should decide the matter.

"We have not delayed an election, as suggested in some quarters, for some imperialistic manoeuvre but in order to try and get an international agreement by which election could take place under joint auspices."

Two Kikuyus Murdered

Nairobi, Jan. 20.

Terrorists murdered two Kikuyus, both believed to be resistance men, in the Kiambu district, about ten miles north of Nairobi, last night.

One was slashed with pangas (long knives) and the other was burned to death in his hut.

A loyal Kikuyu today gave the warning that Mau Mau terrorists, who had been chased back into their reserves by recent clearing-up operations, were planning new murders.

The Kikuyu told administrative officers at Nyeri, north of Nairobi, that a new series of murders were being planned by terrorists.

Chief Gethi, ruler of one of the smallest locations on the Nyeri reserve, was arrested last night as an alleged Mau Mau adherent.

Four Africans were murdered in the Fort Hall district, 20 miles south of Nyeri, on Sunday night, police announced today.—Reuter.

IRON AND LEAD FOUND IN COW

Bellville, Jan. 20.

An arsenal of potential weapons was removed from the stomach of a cow belonging to Mr S. Bezdendhout, of Bethanville, Durbanville, South Africa.

A veterinary surgeon recovered lengths of iron and lead tubing, pieces of wood, a big nail and stones.

The cow has recovered from the operation. She had to receive 180 stitches.—Reuter.



Above is Frederick F. Lenzen, 24-year-old American airman who has been charged at the US Air Force Base at Manston, Kent, with stealing eleven pistols. He said he had intended to sell one of the guns in an attempt to raise money for his marriage to a 21-year-old English girl, and to keep one pistol for himself.—London Express Photo.

Fisticuffs In Italian Parliament

Rome, Jan. 20.

Fights started in the Italian Chamber of Deputies (Lower House) tonight as Leftist Deputies played a last card in their struggle against a government bill to change the electoral law.

Nearly 200 Leftwing members leapt to their feet and tried to charge the government benches as one of their colleagues staggered into the chamber and shouted that police outside had beaten him up.

The President of the Chamber ordered the benches to be cleared as burly ushers forced back the Communist and Socialist Deputies and gradually restored order.

Thousands of police sealed off all streets near the Parliament building after more than 1,000 Communist-led demonstrators had been detained in the centre of Rome.

POLICE CHARGE

Jeeplous of armed police with sirens screaming had charged into columns of strikers trying to march on Parliament.

The Communist transport strike tied up buses and trams for an hour tonight as Communist and Socialist Deputies drew towards the end of their 60-hour filibuster against the electoral reform bill.

Since Sunday, more than 140 Communist and Leftwing Socialist speakers have risen to make "declarations" against the bill—thus delaying the crucial vote of confidence on it demanded by the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi.

The bill provides that the party or group of parties polling over half the popular votes in a general election will get two-thirds of the seats in the Lower House. This would reduce the Left and Right wing parties to ineffectual minorities after this spring's general election of Deputies.—Reuter.

Spy Sentenced To Death

London, Jan. 20.

The principal accused of a group of ten, charged with plotting to overthrow the Bulgarian Communist government, was sentenced to death by shooting today, Sofia Radio reported.

The man, Todor Stolanov Christov, was described as a former member of the Bulgarian Farist army.

The other nine accused received prison sentences ranging from 10 months to 20 years.—Reuter.

Opening Of School Postponed

As a mark of respect to the late Dr S. W. Tso, who was a member of the permanent Board of Direction of the Po Leung Kulk, it has been decided to postpone the opening of the Po Leung Kulk school, originally arranged for tomorrow, until Thursday, January 29 at 4 p.m.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapior"	By "The Turf"
RACE 1	RACE 1
Gracechurch Amber Courtier Outsider:—Gem.	Gracechurch Amber Comet Outsider:—Roue D'or.
RACE 2	RACE 2
Boom Town Deuces Wild Santa Claus Outsider:—Ben Lawers.	Boom Town Hiram C. Deuces Wild Outsider:—Santa Claus.
RACE 3	RACE 3
Flying Dutchman Gabriel Junks Perfectibility Outsider:—Ambition.	Flying Dutchman Ambition Isana Outsider:—Boyne.
RACE 4	RACE 4
Bankfoot Aviemore Icefield Outsider:—Jolmber.	Bankfoot Norseman Kentucky Lad Outsider:—Top Secret.
RACE 5	RACE 5
Iping Adorable Ada Lasso Outsider:—Gold Crown.	Iping Bonita Adorable Ada Outsider:—Lassie.
RACE 6	RACE 6
Adorable Atlanta Lily Tonyber Outsider:—Meadowbrook.	Marietta Adorable Atlanta Arabian Dagger Outsider:—Glorious.
RACE 7	RACE 7
Matador Al Fresco A Grand Time Outsider:—Winchaser.	Phoenix Al Fresco Matador Outsider:—A Grand Time.
RACE 8	RACE 8
Gladiolus Heliophyte Busy Bee Outsider:—Prairie Moon.	Prairie Moon Bawn Fleet Admiral Outsider:—Busy Bee.
RACE 9	RACE 9
Hallmark Minola Fidra Outsider:—Precious Mine.	Hallmark Minola Diamond Dahlia Outsider:—Evening View.
RACE 10	RACE 10
V. I. P. First Edition High Straight Outsider:—Great Conqueror.	First Edition Great Conqueror V. I. P. Outsider:—Ben Macdhui.

Pres. Eisenhower Lassoed After Inauguration

Washington, Jan. 20.

During the Presidential inauguration parade an odd cowboy roaming along the edge of the crowd lassoed a policeman as he passed by on his steed. The policeman's failure to see the amusement side of the rope trick was compensated by Mamie's energetic applause.

Encouraged by the appreciation shown by America's First Lady, the cowboy asked the President's permission to rope him in. The President consented and as he stood up, the sure snaking loop of a real American cowboy entwined the general as his captive.

Instinctively bodyguards smothered the President, with Mamie startled to see her husband caught so early in his presidential career, but the battery of press photographers, the blanketing the march past stand, had fired off their cameras on Eisenhower in the loop of one of his Kansas cowboys.

As with all American parades, the drum majorettes were there with their twirling batons and shapely legs but for the show of shows, the World Champion Majorette, Miss Hilda Gay Maybury, was on the Kentucky float.

Spectators' appreciation of her skill at turning the baton at a speed of an aircraft propeller was only equalled by their admiration of her generously displayed legs.

Representatives of Negro Republicans of New York followed in the disguise of "Uncle Sam" in their red striped trousers and blue and white starred coats.

The cold dull weather did not prevent 15 beautiful girls from appearing on the Maine float wearing their costumes. They were followed by Miss America, former Miss Video Venus and former Miss Television smiling among the palm leaves of the Florida float.

The parade ended at night fall as three main attractions filed past the President's stand. They were Miss Burma, the elephant rymolling the Republican Party, America's first atomic gun and the District of Columbia's peace float.

Miss Burma halted briefly in front of Eisenhower, bending her knees in the customary

lodge yesterday by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The birds flew off, lustily flapping their wings.

Darkness fell and powerful searchlights were lit as President Eisenhower and his wife entered the White House which is to be their residence for the next four years.—France-Press.

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Other securities, not exceeding market value	103,063,282.60
Call loans	90,830,455.20
Other loans and discounts	885,347,481.57
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit	69,369,976.45
Other assets	25,818,788.40
	\$2,091,456,873.71
Liabilities	
Capital, reserve and undivided profits	\$ 102,564,217.54
Notes in circulation	101,062.68
Deposits	2,527,510,437.43
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Other liabilities	1,912,179.61
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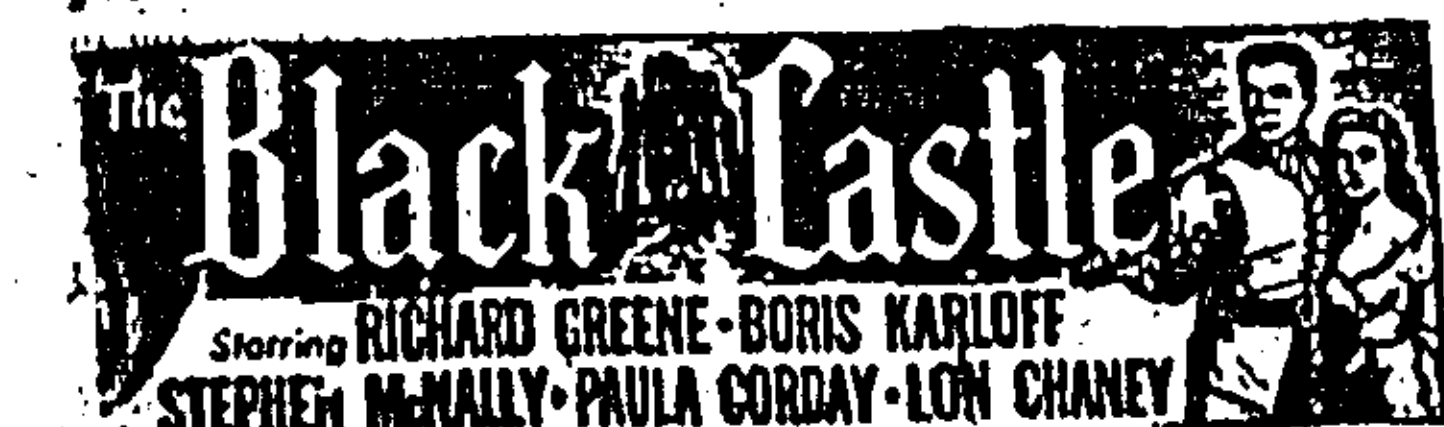
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Chaplin's Son Grows Beard



This bearded man is Sidney Chaplin, son of the great Charles Chaplin, seen as he takes part in the film "Somewhere in the World", which is being made at Villefranche-sur-Mer, on the French Riviera. His co-star, Kirk Douglas, is seen looking on. — Express Photo.

'Bomber' Harris To Make His Home In Canada?

London, Jan. 20.

Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, fiery wartime chief of RAF Bomber Command, who retired to South Africa when the war ended and was belatedly honoured with a baronetcy in the New Year Honours List, has now left South Africa for good—but still has no intention of returning to England.

He was in Vancouver when the news came through about his baronetcy. If he can find a suitable job in Canada he will stay there.

"Bomber" Harris is reported to have left South Africa because "Dr. Malan, the Premier, and the South African Nationalists had got him down."

And why did he leave England? His departure followed

bitter controversy, much of which raged in secret while the war was on. With Britain's bomber force, Harris did much to hammer the Germans to defeat. But the row began over the question: "Should we have bombed the German cities so hard?"

At the end of the war, all the other top leaders of Britain's war services were rewarded with peerages. "Bomber" Harris got nothing. He went away, angry and disillusioned.

Harris had taken over Bomber Command in February, 1942 when it was a relatively ineffective force. He blasted efficiency into his squadrons and groups. He directed the expansion of the force. And finally, he knocked the Germans' industrial potential into a heap of rubble.

SERIES OF FEUDS

He poked his fierce ginger moustache into every corner of his command. And he drove his crews hard, drove them into casualties which might have broken the heart of a lesser man and the spirit of a force less inspiringly led.

All the time he kept up a series of feuds with anybody who stood in his way or seemed likely to stand in his way. "Bomber" Harris went on fulminating in South Africa and then wrote a forthright book which kept plenty of scores open and created a few new ones as well.

Now he has moved on to Canada with no wish to return to either England or South Africa.

For a tough man, he is extraordinarily sensitive. He quarrelled with many people in England—and not even a baronetcy makes him forget. But he will be remembered in a title, for he has a son who becomes heir to the baronetcy.

GREAT STRIDES

Another dog that has made great strides in popularity in a few years is the Corgi—largely because of Royal patronage. There are 174 in the Cuff's Show this year.

The no-bark dogs—the Basenjis—are no longer a novelty. There are 24 in the show. They are making a reputation as good house dogs.

Loneliest dogs in the show will be a German wire-haired pointer and a German long-haired pointer, both the only ones in their class.

Total of dogs on show is 80 fewer than last year. Dogs which earn dollars and other foreign currencies for Britain numbered 2,305 in 1952—an all-time record. They brought in more than £300,000—an average of about £200 each.

SOMETHING NEW IN AUCTIONS

Scratching Your Head Might Cost A Million

New York, Jan. 20.

They assemble regularly in the ballroom of the Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas. But no sweet music wells out from the orchestra's platform—and the 300 or so soberly-dressed businessmen who crowd the floor on certain days have certainly not come to jive.

On the contrary, they are attending one of the most exciting and unusual auctions in the world, held annually at this well-known Western hotel.

The size of some of their bids indicates the seriousness of the occasion. The auctioneer—George Apple, a jewel salesman when not wielding the hammer—is usually able to work up at least a few of the offers to the million-dollar mark.

And even then, he will probably not be satisfied: "Come on gentlemen! Who'll give one million, ten? Thank you, that gentleman in the Sletson; at one million, ten; and now twenty—and again thirty; at one million, thirty; I'm closing at one million thirty; for the last time, then, at one million, thirty thousand dollars; have you all done? Right! Sold!"

A tap of the mallet closes another deal that will mean the on-the-spot writing of a seven-figure cheque.

This scene, soon again to be re-enacted in 1953, is the annual disposal of oil leases on land belonging to the University of Texas.

RELY ON LUCK

These leases are granted on five-year terms, and each year those that have expired are put up for auction again. Successful bidders pay annual rents of one dollar per acre, plus royalties of one-eighth the value of any oil they may produce.

And "may" is the operative word, for many leases relate to land on which oil has not yet been found.

Naturally, before bidding for such leases, the oil companies assign their own geologists and geophysicists to make intensive preliminary surveys of the land in question, and assure themselves that at least the underground rock strata is of a type that could contain oil.

But they must still rely on good fortune supplementing expert scientific guidance. One company last year bid nearly \$2 million to secure the lease of a four-square-mile tract—and then the first bore hole proved "dry". True, they may have better luck before their five-year lease expires, but at the moment, they are heavily "in the red".

For the authorities, who use the revenues thus obtained to subsidize State-supported higher education, it is a lucrative business.

Annual rents and royalties total around \$12 million, while the 20 lease auctions held to date have netted another \$142 million.

A HUMORIST

It is not a bad business for the auctioneer, either. Successful bidders add one-per-cent to their winning bids as his fee, and when dealing in million dollar offers, even one-per-cent makes a handsome payment.

Auctioneer Apple has made a name as a humorist as well as a first-class man with the mallet. Last year, when bidding was near the million mark, he spotted one oil man—well-known for his reluctance to pay real-estate prices for oil leases—absent-mindedly raise his hand to scratch his head. Since a raised hand is also the sign of an offered bid, the auctioneer promptly called out: "Steady, John! you're just about to spend a million bucks..."

The other nearly dislocated his shoulder through the force with which he snatched down his arm!

HMS Kenya At Haifa

Haifa, Jan. 20. The British cruiser, HMS Kenya, arrived here today on an unofficial three-day visit and was welcomed with a salute from Israeli shore batteries. — Reuter.

100 Children To Have Test From "Topsy"

London, Jan. 20.

One hundred Bristol youngsters will be introduced to Topsy, a mechanical mind-reader, during the year. Topsy is short for toposcope.

A team of scientists will study the results of the machine as it records the workings of the children's minds.

One investigation will be into the causes of juvenile delinquency.

Topsy reproduces a plan of the brain on a screen. As a section of the brain works, a green face on the screen heightens in colour. Scientists hope, eventually, to be able to judge how ideas actually form in the brain.

Gigantic Housing Drive In W. Germany

Bonn, Jan. 20.

Western Germany plans to complete 400,000 "dwelling units" this year in her great housing drive which is leading all countries in Europe.

Reason for this housing boom is not hard to find.

So far, the Germans are contributing neither equipment nor power to Western defence; thus the Ruhr industries can provide a steady flow of essential housing materials without regard for an arms production programme.

A call-up for a 500,000 strong German army, air force and navy is also as far away as it was when the plan was agreed two years ago, and so there is no drain on the working population for this purpose.

Altogether 700,000 workers are now employed in the housing drive and 1,200,000 homes housing some five million people have been built in the last three years.

The plan for 1953 will cost \$400,000,000, of which \$420,000,000 is guaranteed by private building organisations and government assistance schemes.

FREE ENTERPRISE
Main aspects of the German programme are:

1. All building is on a free enterprise basis;
2. Construction deals largely with flats and also covers the restoration of bombed out premises.

In spite of the progress made, Western Germany, already obliged to maintain over ten million refugees, will have to find in all four million new "dwelling units" before everyone has a home.

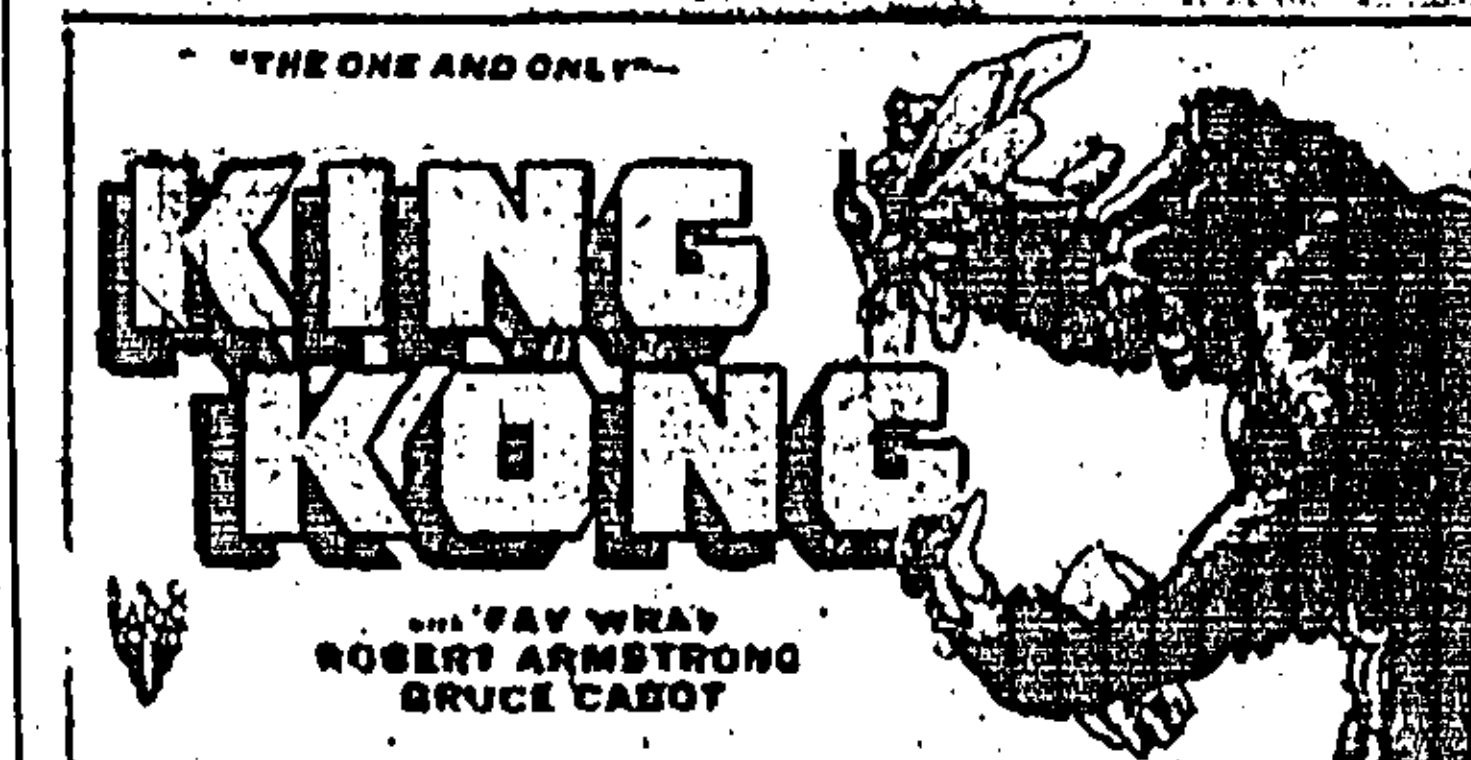
This task—the flow of refugees still averages some 600 a day—will take twelve or even more years to complete.

"We owe our progress to date," Federal Economic Minister Ludwig Erhard has said, "not to false romanticism in social matters but to our go-ahead, down-to-earth economic policy."

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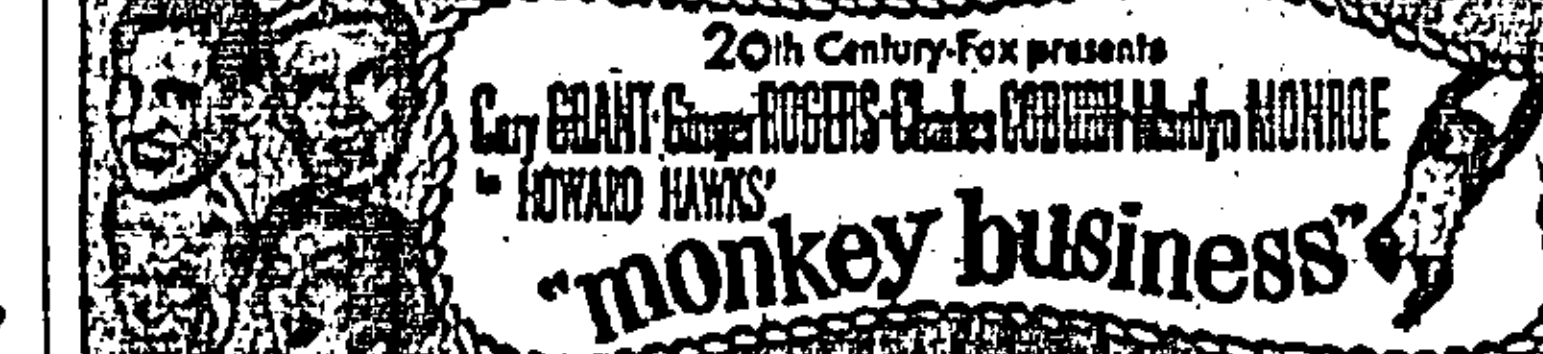
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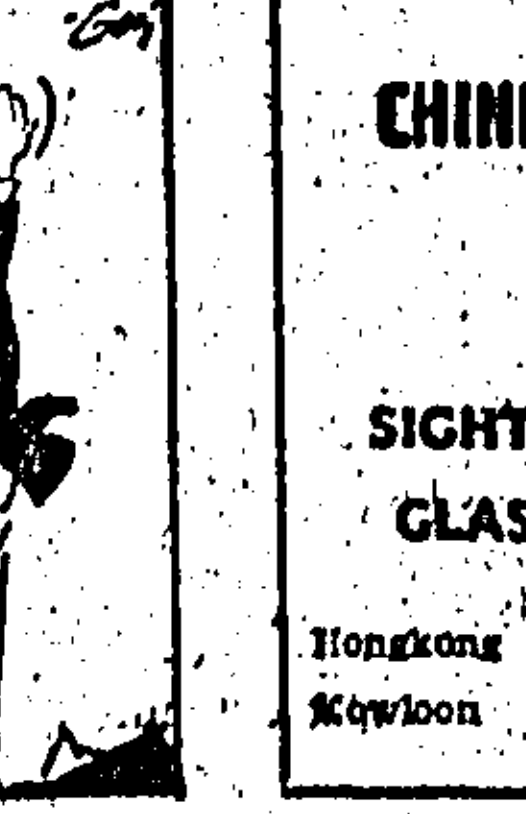
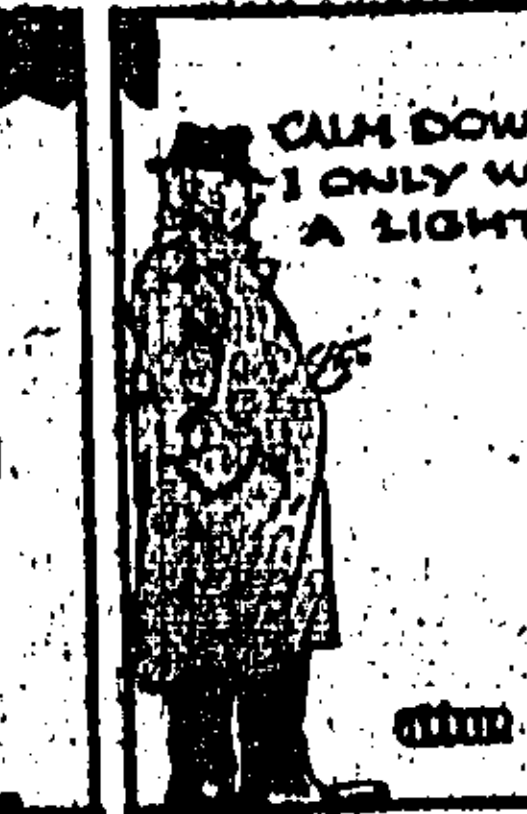
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less than three years after his
hero's death. The censor's swing,
a cloud obscures our vision, we
are bemused by the sweet and
over-powering smell of incense.
The book is not so much a
biography as a devotional
exercise.

The doctrinaires

THE author and the subject
had much in common. En-
thusiastic Marxists of the most
doctrinaire kind, passionate
Socialists whose advocacy fre-
quently embarrassed their own
party, they represented the
very type of the left wing in-
tellectual whose influence was
so great between the wars.

Neither of them was a Com-
munist, but both had a strong
sympathy for the Soviet State.
And both Laski and his bio-
grapher have been singularly
impervious to the intellectual
revolution which since 1945 has
convinced most British So-
cialists that Russia is not in
fact the Utopia of the working
class.

Village defeat

IT should not, however, be
thought that Laski and King-
sley Martin held entirely identical
views. There is a vein of de-
fiant acidity in the New
Statesman—once aptly described
as "the Billings Weekly"—which
is not present in Laski's por-
tentous and prolix writing. Nor,
apparently, did Laski see eye to
eye with his biographer at the
time of the Munich crisis. Then
it will be remembered, Mr
Kingsley Martin was an ad-
vocate of appeasement; indeed,
the New Statesman urged the

* Harold Laski, by Kingsley Martin
(Collins, 21s.)

by Robert
BLAKE



KINGSLEY MARTIN
... exercise with incense.

Czechs to surrender the
Sudetenland to Hitler weeks
before even The Times or Mr
Chamberlain came round to
that lamentable policy. Laski
did not share this view.

Moreover, these two ad-
vocates of the "people's
cause" have had differing suc-
cesses when they endeavoured
to persuade "the people" to
vote for them.

Mr Kingsley Martin has ad-
mittedly only made one such
attempt, when he stood for the
parish council of Little Easton,
Dunmow, the Essex village in
which he lives—and was de-
feated. Laski, perhaps wisely,
concluded his electioneering
career in the rank of the con-
verted, and in 1935 with
Mr D. N. Pritt was elected to
the national executive of the
Socialist Party.

This was to have important
consequences. The chairman-
ship of the executive goes by a
system of rotation annually to
the next senior member, and in
1945, the critical election year,
Laski was the man.

Having, as this book shows,
an abundant sense of his own
importance, he was not one to
efface himself in such circum-
stances. When Mr Churchill
invited Mr Attlee to accompany
him to Potsdam before the
election, Laski issued what ap-
peared almost as an ultimatum
to the Socialist leader, warning

him that he could not blind the
Socialist Party.

Such an impertinent state-
ment from someone who was
not even an MP provoked an
uproar. Laski was publicly at-
tacked in the Conservative
Press, and privately criticised
by many Socialists.

Sensitive

LASKI, like many persons
of whose language against
others is of the most violent
nature, seems to have been
highly sensitive to criticism. He
attributed these attacks to anti-
semitism, though there was no
foundation whatever for such a
belief. Laski's own conduct
was quite enough to explain the
resentment that he caused.

The 1945 election produced
the famous Laski libel action,
ostensibly against the Newark
Advertiser—in reality against
the Daily Express. In a meet-
ing at Newark, Laski was said
to have declared that if the
Socialists could not achieve
their aims by consent "we shall
have to use violence, even if it
means revolution." A number
of papers, including the Daily
Express, gave prominence to
this. Laski promptly issued a
denial and several writs for
libel.

Laski lost

THE case was tried more than
a year later—November
1946.

Mr Kingsley Martin does not
recall that at an early stage
the Daily Express was willing
to agree. If Laski discontinued
the action, that both sides
should pay their own costs, and
that the Express would not give
publicity to the withdrawal. At
that stage costs would not have
been heavy. Laski, however,
insisted on a rumour had it
been so. He would not only win
but get damages to the tune of
£19,000, refused to agree to
this.

The result was disastrous. Sir
Patrick Hastings, briefed for
1,000 guineas by the defence,
subjected Laski to a devastating
and brilliant cross-examination.
The special jury (i.e., a jury of
persons with a modest property
qualification) found against him.
The costs were immense.
Those of the defence totalled
£8,000, of which Laski was

called upon to pay 4,000 guineas.
His own costs amounted to
£9,000. Too late, the Socialists
passed a measure abolishing
special juries. A fund had to
be raised to save Laski from
ruin. In fact £15,000 was
raised—£2,000 more than was
needed. Laski was not ruined
—he left £10,000—but the
episode was a bitter blow to
him.

With the end of the libel case
he faded from the public eye.
He died in 1950. Never really
an important figure, Laski
scarcely merits a panegyric like
this book. Perhaps the last
word can be left with Sir
Patrick Hastings, who is reput-
ed to have observed after the
famous trial, "Alas, poor Laski,
I knew him well." There is
not much more to be said.

Shameful side of Churchill's holiday island

By BEVERLEY BAXTER, M.P.

Montego Bay, Jamaica.

There is a quickening
of the tempo here in
Jamaica. Although we
swim and yacht and laze in
the sun, there is the know-
ledge that Winston Church-
ill, Prime Minister of
Great Britain, is among us.

As an artist he will be en-
ticed by the changing beauty
of the sea with its myriad shades
of blue and green.

As an author he will be stirred
by the soft voices of the coloured
folk and the restless, formless
movement of the people in the
streets—women carrying baskets
on their heads, and men moving
with that drawing leg of the
Jamaican as if time was made only
for whites.

Let there be no mistake about
it, Jamaica is booming as a
tourist resort. Americans and
Canadians have discovered the
island's beauty, sunshine, and
even the British have learned
that they can travel to this
Paradise on the forty wings of
sterling and keep themselves
alive on the same currency.

On paper

Despite the fact that Columbus
found Jamaica, it is part of the
British Empire—if I may use that
unfashionable designation. I do
not want to cause any blood-
boiling among our Imperial
apologists, but we do own
Jamaica and administer it for
the combined benefit of Britain
and the Jamaicans in conjunction
with the island's elected assembly.

At least that is what we do on
paper. What we do in fact is
something rather different.

Jamaica is a land of sudden
contrasts. The sun shines every
day in January, but there may
come a sudden storm that whips
the sea to a frenzy and makes
the houses tremble. Yet Mr
Churchill will find that there are
other contrasts which are made
by man and are more menacing
than storm at sea.

Therefore, with great respect,
I urge him not to be too much
impressed by the sunny pro-
sperity of the tourist industry
here, but to consider the ominous
and even shameful economic
surrender which has taken place
in this British colony over the
last five years.

Roughly Jamaica has a popu-
lation of 1,500,000, of whom only
a small proportion depend on
tourism. I am sorry to tell you
that there is serious unemploy-
ment among the non-tourism
workers.

The men

Let me give you one example.
In this favoured island there
are important resources of
bauxite, which is the basic ele-
ment of aluminium. Whether
for peace or war bauxite is of
urgent, vital importance. So let
us now proclaim the news that
three men have thrown their
wealth and their energy into
extorting this chemical from
the good earth of Jamaica.
Perhaps Mr Churchill will
meet Mr Reynolds, for the Prime
Minister has always enjoyed
talking to Americans. He might
have at first hand, how the re-

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



RECORDS GIVE-BACK CAUSES ALARM

From
Bernard West

Brussels.
Belgium's Confedera-
tion of Political Pri-
soners have announced that
the lives of 15,000 World
War II resistance workers
are in danger.

They claim that the proposal
to hand over to the German
authorities all documents re-
ferring to the men and women
who suffered in Nazi concen-
tration camps during the war,
when the Allied High Commis-
sion ends, is causing acute
anxiety to their members.
These documents were captured
when the Nazi horror camps,
Gestapo centres and police
headquarters were overrun and
searched by the Allies.

And the Belgian Confederation
are fighting tooth and nail
against the proposal to give
them to the Germans for two
reasons:

1. If these documents, filed
with Nazi thoroughness, and
giving details of the exploits
and heroism of their members'
'crimes', fall into the hands of
a potential enemy—German or
Russian—the fate of the patriots
would be sealed.

2. The revival of Belgium's
resistance movement in the
event of another war would be
destroyed.

DETAILS GIVEN

The Confederation have
asked Belgium's Foreign Minis-
ter, Mr Paul Van Zeeland, for
assurances that these documents
will either be returned to
Belgium or placed under the
care of a former Belgian
resistance leader.

The records are now in the
hands of the Allied High Com-
missioners in Western Germany.
Amongst them are details of
the living and dead of the
former horror camps at Belson,
Mauthausen, Papenburg, and
Stutzhof-Natzweiler.

Conducting the "give us back
the records" campaign for the
15,000 Belgians who lived
through the concentration camps
is 30-year-old Jean Van
Peltghem and his 30-year-old
secretary, Mollie Geuntyckx. He
was tortured for helping the
Allied Intelligence Service. She
lived in horror camps from
1942 until the liberation for
helping British aviators along
the escape routes.

ONE SWOOP

Commented Jean Van Pelt-
ghem from his office in the
Palais d'Egmont: "Our Con-
federation will not accept in its
present form the proposal to
hand these documents over to
the Germans on an assurance
that a committee of Allied
supervisors will protect our in-
terests. We want them either
right here in this office, where
they belong, and can be pre-
served for use in our eight-year
hunt for Belgians who did not
return from a concentration
camp. Or we shall prevail up-
on our Foreign Minister to ap-
point a Belgian supervisor
whom we shall nominate."

"The documents until now
have been the property of
UNRRA, the International Re-
cruiting Organisation, and the
High Commissioners."

"Even a child can see the
threat to our men. If even there
were another war, and the
Germans held the records, we
should be caught in one swoop.
And we do not intend to let
that happen."

Where?

Where are the new adven-
tures, the new colonies, the
new men, the new vision? The
almighty dollar has replaced the
crusader's cross.

Mr Churchill, we hope that
you will find time to paint a
picture of the magically beauti-
ful East coast, because it will be
a matter of great pride to those
who dwell on this side of the
Atlantic.

But when you pause for a rest,
you might let your eyes gaze far
away to Boog Island on the west
coast. There, on the top of a
hill sits a clever little man—and
most clever men are short of
inches—who spins his web and
whistles Yankee Doodle as the
web grows.

He is the Mr Reynolds whom
I mentioned a few moments ago,
an admirable, bold American,
who is proud to think that the
vital resources of a British
colony are going to make his
Land of Hope and old Glory
mightier yet.

ARTIE'S HEADLINE



From England
FIRST LORD



If You Really Know
About Tobaccos

—You'll Give

FIRST LORD
Virginia Cigarettes

a Test!



• OBTAINABLE EVERYWHERE •

Uncle Danya: Th t is a very
funny situation indeed.
Volga: It is even funnier than
that. We have both tried to
shoot each other and missed
each other.

★ ★ ★

Uncle Danya, wiping his
eyes: This is too funny for
words. Are you going to try
again?

Olga: Of course. I am only
waiting for Volga to turn her
back on me.

Volga: But it's not your
turn.

Uncle Danya: Oh, yes it is.
Volga: No, it's not, you lying
little slut.

Uncle Danya: Volga, Volga,
spare us this abuse. I suppose
you girls know I hate you both
with equal intensity?

Olga: Of course. That's what
makes it so much funnier.

Volga: So deliciously point-
less.

Uncle Danya: And you know
I have a wife to take care of?

Olga: We'll take care of her.
Volga: You mean one of us
will.

Uncle Danya: So one of you
is going to shoot the other, and
the survivor is going to shoot
my wife for no reason at all?

JACOBY
ON BRIDGEFigure Strength By
Point Count System

NORTH 27	
♠ 1000	
♥ 1000	
♦ 1000	
♣ 1000	
WEST	
♠ 1000	
♥ 1000	
♦ 1000	
♣ 1000	
EAST	
♠ 1000	
♥ 1000	
♦ 1000	
♣ 1000	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ 1000	
♥ 1000	
♦ 1000	
♣ 1000	
Neither side vul	
South	West
NT	NT
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K	

By OSWALD JACOBY

THIS week I begin a new policy in discussing bidding. From now on I will describe the strength of any hand in terms of the popular 4-3-2-1 point count.

This is not a sudden decision. I have believed in point-count bidding ever since 1935, when Howard Schenken and I presented the Four Aces point count.

Our idea was good, but our timing was wrong. We were 15 years ahead of the millions of bridge players in this country, and it was necessary to wait until they got ready to accept the new idea.

It seems to me that most bridge players are not familiar with the point count, so I can return to that way of describing a hand without worrying about confusing my readers.

Just in case you're not familiar with the point count, I'll run a few articles to teach it. Point count is in your hand as 4 points each king, 3 each queen, 2 each jack, 1 point.

There are 10 points in each suit, and 40 points in the entire deck. You and your partner usually need 26 points to make a game; 33 points to make a small slam; 37 points to make a grand slam.

I open the bidding with one no-trump when you have balanced distribution, stoppers in at least three suits (hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades), and a count of 10 to 15 points. For example, take the South hand shown today. South has a count of 10 points, balanced distribution, and a stopper in each of the four suits.

North takes to game because he has 10 points and knows that the combined count is 20 points. That should be enough for game and isn't even close to enough for slam.

Good bidding doesn't do away with the need for good play. South must lead West's bid. First trick with the king of spades. If West is then foolish enough to continue the spades, South has two extra winners in the suit and has time enough to develop the diamonds.

If West shifts to a heart at the second trick (the best defense), declarer must hop right in and begin the diamonds without delay. West can take time to develop his hand but cannot then prevent declarer from developing nine tricks.

South loses his game because he plays a low heart from dummy at the second trick. East takes the king of hearts and shifts back to spades, thus setting up West's long suit. Now West will surely get in with the king of diamonds and time to set the contract with the rest of the spades.

CARD GAME

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South
3 Hearts 2 Diamonds 3-4 Clubs
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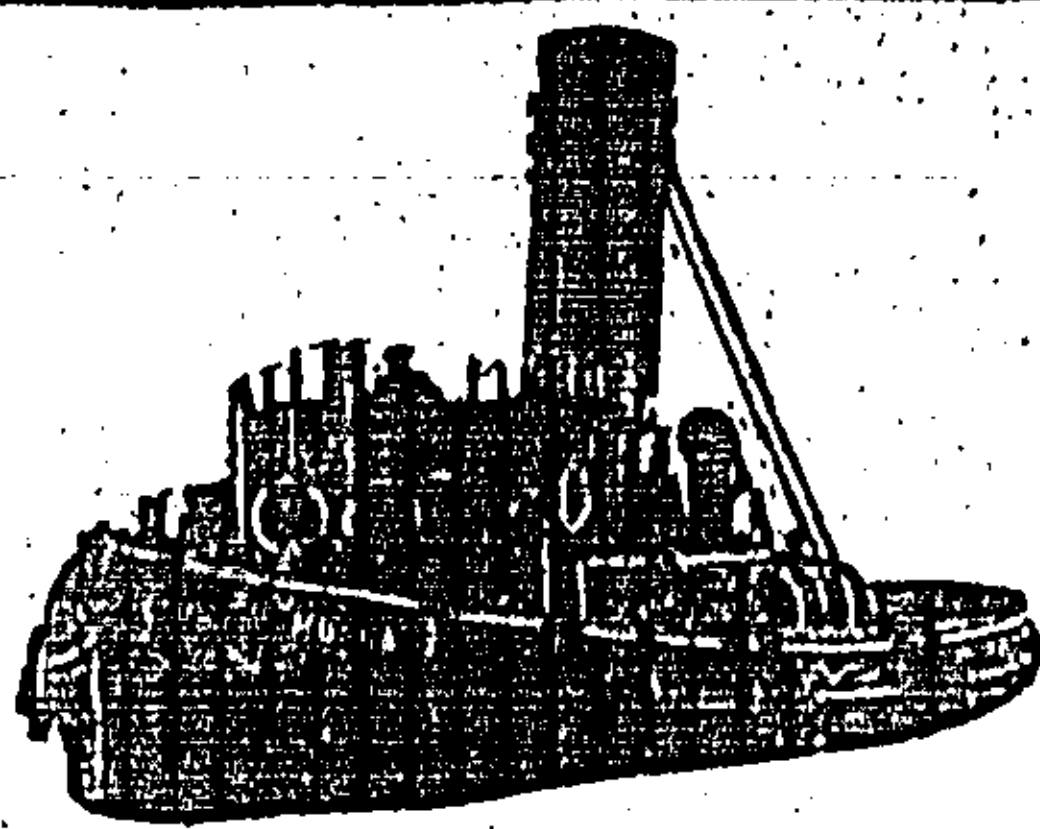
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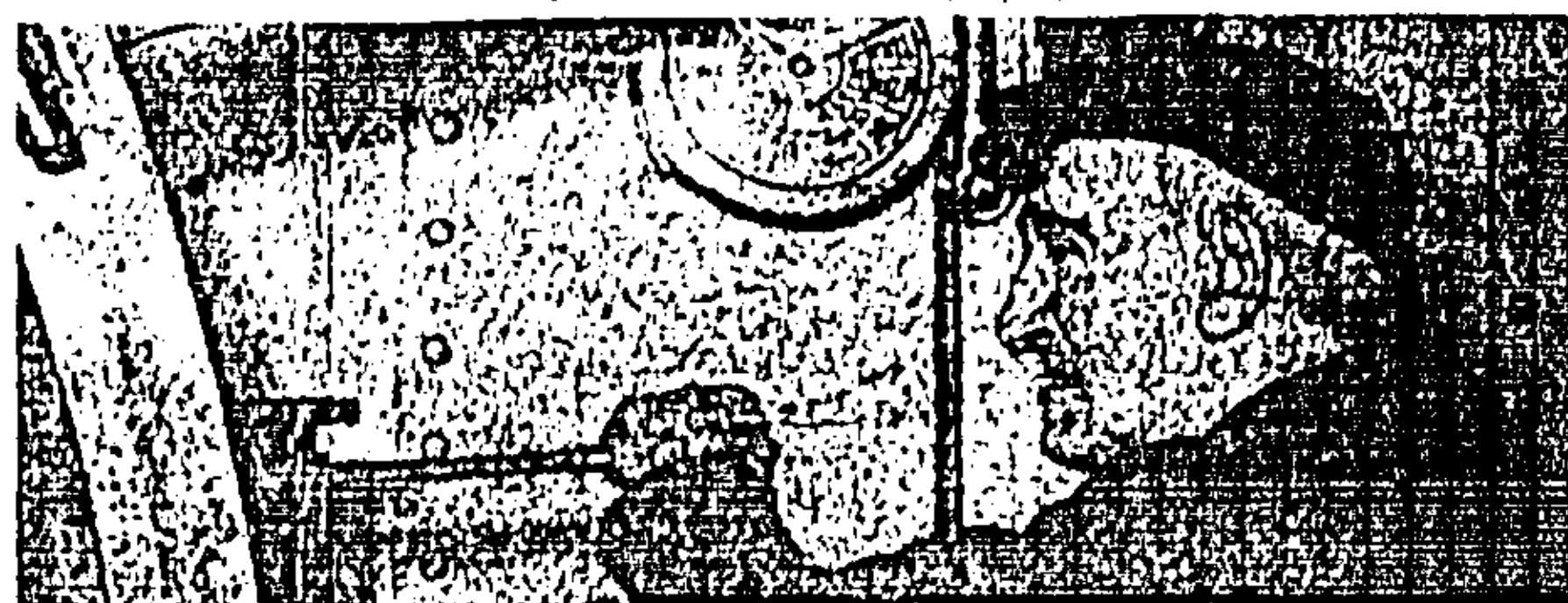
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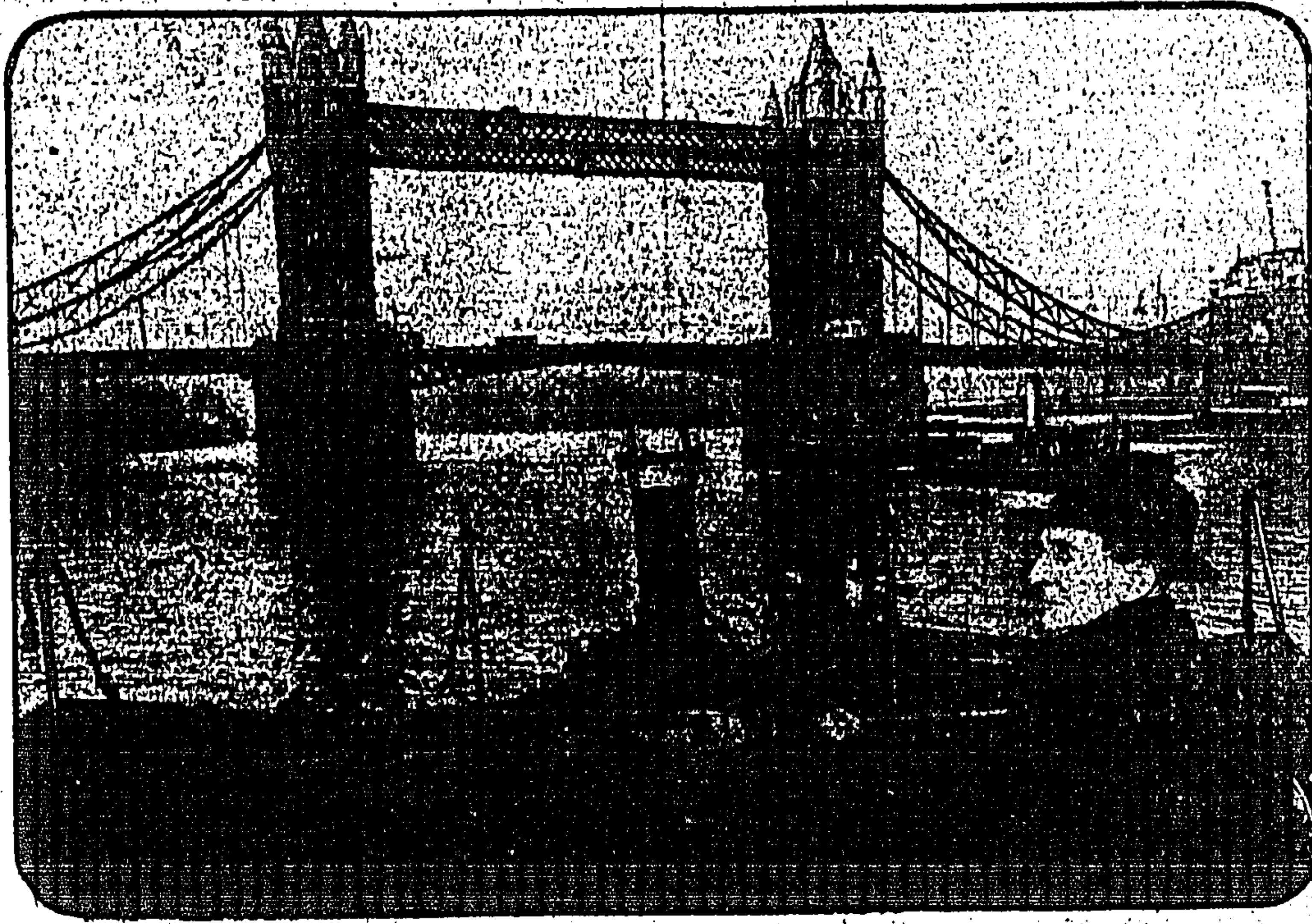
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The Musca—on guard.



FIREMAN REGINALD GOULDEN (left), aged 16, goes below to do some stoking. Engineer Bert Roper (above) is 67, and has had 40 years' service with his firm.



Day and night, for 59 years . . .

by **GORDON HOLMAN**
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TEA-TIME ON THE THAMES

TEA-TIME in the Musca: "Mate" Cliff Sumner, Engineer Bert Roper, and Fireman Reginald Goulden. To maintain the unbroken guard, the tug has three crews. The alarm signal is given on a whistle from the Tower Bridge Master's office.

DAY and night for 59 years unbroken watch has been kept from a tug, with steam up, within hailing distance of Tower Bridge.

On the flood tide, the guard tug is usually to be seen at Norwood's Pier, about 100 yards below the bridge. On the ebb tide, it is just above the bridge at Whitehall's Roads, and any body crossing the bridge could pitch a penny on to the deck.

Today, on board the 450 h.p. Musca, which now carries the special name-boards "Tower Bridge Tug," the Master Mr. Charles Harris, told me how he, and his crew of three, keep watch for 24 hours at a time.

Three crews

To maintain the unbroken guard, the Musca needs three crews. Mr. Harris's fellow Masters are Mr. Alfred Saunders, of Landon, Essex, and Mr. Harry Apps, of Northfleet, Kent. "Most of the traffic is within two hours, either way, of the high tide," said Mr. Harris. "We all take a turn at being on watch. The signal we wait for is a double or treble blast on a whistle from the Tower Bridge Master's office up above."

What the Musca is expected to do is explained in the Act of Parliament which compels the City of London Corporation to keep her close to Tower Bridge. They must "provide and maintain a steam tug upon the River

Thames between the Shadwell entrance to the London docks and London Bridge for the purpose of assisting vessels and barges navigating the centre of the Upper Pool.

Mr. Harris, born in Southwark almost within sight of the Pool of London, was only five years old when the first guard tug, the Wasp, steamed under Tower Bridge. Now he is 64 and lives at Ilford.

Sitting in the small forecastle, with a saucepan of water boiling on the stove in preparation for the meal he was about to prepare, the keen-faced "skipper"—he wears civilian clothes—recalled the Musca's predecessors. "The Mosquito followed the Wasp, and then came the Naja, Adder and Viper," he said.

Through two wars the watch was kept, but the cost was heavy. A direct hit by a bomb sunk the Naja in 1944, and six men of the guard-ship crews were killed.

All the tugs, from the time the watch began, have been supplied under contract by Messrs. Gascolee and Son.

"I have been one of their tug-masters for 31 years," said Mr. Harris. "My engineer, Mr. Bert Roper, has had about 40 years' service with them."

"Some people have the idea that this is the tug that never sails and that we are not worth the money it costs to keep us here."

"That is nonsense. Three or four times a week we move off to prevent a barge that is 'driving' about from hitting the bridge."

She swam

"A 2,000-ton cargo vessel lying just outside the Pool now might have done considerable damage to the bridge if we had not been ready to help her."

"She was in tow, but her steering gear failed, and we had to hook up on her stern to control her."

More than once during the three years Mr. Harris has been on "Tower Bridge" watch, the Musca has answered the call after somebody has fallen in the river from the bridge.

"Last time the woman who went in found it so cold she swam ashore and left us looking around in the dark," said Mr. Harris.

Although Mr. Harris is never more than 100 yards from land, Mrs. Harris has never been on board the Musca. "She does not like the water," said Mr. Harris. "Years ago she came on board another tug of which I was the master. All she was interested in was the cooking stove."

Mr. Harris's daughter works in a bank. His son is mate in a Blue Star ship.

A signal came from the control station high above the Musca and Mr. Harris climbed quickly on to the bridge of the tug.

She moved out into the river as the bescules of Tower Bridge

old Fireman Reginald Goulden. They come from Charlton. They both like the open air life; but when the 24-hour turn of duty is ended they go off to very different recreations. Goulden goes fishing or cycling. Sumner plays the piano-accordion.

£250,000 bill

Big day for the Musca comes once a fortnight. Then the steams out of sight of Tower Bridge to coal.

Total cost of the floating patrol around the last bridge over the Thames is now about £250,000.

The bridge it guards cost nearly £1,200,000 and took eight years to build. It costs about £40,000 a year to maintain.

The ships that come through Tower Bridge to load and discharge at Hay's, Gunshot, Symon's, and the other wharves in the Pool of London in the course of a year are worth millions of pounds.

The Musca is as much their guardian as she is that of the bridge.

"SKIPPER" CHARLES HARRIS, 64, on the bridge of Tower Bridge tug Musca, waits for a call. Mr. Harris, born in Southwark, almost within sight of the Pool of London, has been one of his firm's tug masters for 31 years. He and his crew of three keep watch for 24 hours at a time.

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By Air
Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
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Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m.
C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, 11 a.m., as South Africa, 11 a.m., as Tikielanga.
Philippines, 1 p.m., as Java Mail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

By Air
Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m.
C.P.A.L.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, 11 a.m.
Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m.
C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, 11 a.m., as South Africa, 11 a.m., as Tikielanga.
Philippines, 1 p.m., as Java Mail.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.

By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, 11 a.m., as South Africa, 11 a.m., as Tikielanga.
Philippines, 1 p.m., as Java Mail.

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.

By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, 11 a.m., as South Africa, 11 a.m., as Tikielanga.
Philippines, 1 p.m., as Java Mail.

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.

Living Language

Why we say Plod.

To plod means to make one's way heavily and with difficulty. It comes from the Irish "plod" which means a pool, and "plodding along" gives the impression of walking through mud and mire.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
O. Programme Summary: 6.02. A Robert Stolz Concert. 6.30. Come into the Picture. Music and Lyrics from Northern Ireland (BBC). 7. Time Signal and World News (London Radio). 7.15. News by Victor Holland (Hartford) with Piano Accompaniment by Moya Rees (Concert Hall). 7.20. Orchestra of the Week—London Studio Concert. The New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Noel Coward. Produced by Victor Holland (Hartford). 7.25. Weather Report: A Broadcast from Washington. Introduced by Leonard Miall (London Radio). 8.30. Lucky Dip—Variety Rehearsal presented by Marguerite (Studio). 9. "Family Album" by Noel Coward. Produced by Victor Holland (Hartford). 9.30. Comedy Favourites. 10.30. Dancing Time with Joe Low and his Orchestra. 10.50. Weather Report. 11. Radio News Reel (Recorded London News). 11.15. Goodnight Music. Good Night. Queen. 11.30. Close Down.

Canadian Is "Scootering" Across Africa

London, Jan. 20.

Canadian car racer, "Spike" Rhinardo is on his way across Africa to the Cape on his Scootmobile.

It is his way of testing his new design of luxury scooter—which has self-starter, a windscreen and a roof—before putting it into production. He hopes to complete the 10,000-mile journey in three weeks.

A less spectacular method of demonstrating the performance of a modern motor scooter was adopted by two Vespa owners, who competed in the recent London-Exeter night trial.

Obviously, the scooter has ceased to be an amusing novelty, and the time will soon be here when, as is already the case in Italy, it is as commonplace a form of transport as a bicycle or car.

When that happens, if the Italian example is followed still further, special races for these little machines may be run on the airfield and road circuits of Britain.

In which case, tuned standard models will soon give way to real racers. In Italy there are several capable of more than 80 m.p.h., while the very latest example, an MV Augusta with an overhead camshaft engine but still having wheelbarrow-sized wheels, should have a maximum speed of almost 95 m.p.h.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't catch cold, dear! Remember the air force dance tomorrow night, and the marines Tuesday!"

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FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD "Mate" Cliff Sumner trims the lamp. He comes from Charlton, and when his 24-hour turn of duty is ended his hobby is playing the piano-accordion.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The clue is "of the year" O.P. The answer is "of the year" O.P. The answer is "of the year" O.P.